

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Currently amended) A method for obtaining a current value of a Management Information base (MIB) variable stored in a managed network device in a network, the method comprising the steps of:  
receiving a connection of a Web browser to the network device;  
receiving at the managed network device an HTTP request message from the browser to obtain the current value of the MIB variable from the managed network device to which the MIB variable value pertains;  
receiving the current value of the MIB variable from the MIB of the managed network device to which the MIB variable value pertains; and  
communicating the current value of the MIB variable from the managed network device to which the MIB variable value pertains to the browser using an HTTP reply message.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
creating and storing a MIB object tree in a memory of the network device;  
creating an electronic document that contains a representation of one or more MIB variables of the MIB object tree;  
communicating the electronic document to the Web browser.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving the current value of the MIB variable from the MIB of the network device includes the steps of creating and storing a MIB object tree in a memory of the network device; obtaining the MIB variable from the MIB object tree in the memory of the network device.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
creating and storing a MIB object tree in a memory of the network device;

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creating an electronic document that contains a representation of one or more MIB variables of the MIB object tree;  
receiving a user-selection of one of the MIB variables based on the electronic document;  
wherein the step of receiving the current value of the MIB variable from the MIB of the network device includes the step of obtaining the MIB variable that is identified in the user selection from the MIB object tree in the memory of the network device.

- 1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
2 receiving the HTTP request message to obtain the current value of the MIB variable  
3 at an HTTP-SNMP interface;  
4 creating an SNMP query that requests a current value of the MIB variable based on  
5 the HTTP request message; and  
6 communicating the SNMP query to an SNMP daemon of the network device.
- 1 6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:  
2 communicating the current value of the MIB variable to the HTTP-SNMP interface;  
3 creating and storing an HTML page that contains the current value of the MIB  
4 variable; and  
5 sending the HTML page to an ~~HTML~~ HTTP daemon of the network device.
- 1 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of creating and storing  
2 an executable software element in association with the Web browser, wherein the  
3 executable software element is configured for packaging an SNMP query into the  
4 request from the Web browser.

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1 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a request from the  
2 Web browser to obtain the current value of the MIB variable includes the step of  
3 unpackaging an SNMP query that is packaged in the request from the Web browser to  
4 identify the MIB variable.

1 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of sending the SNMP  
2 query to an SNMP daemon of the network device.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the step of returning the current value of  
2 the MIB variable to the Web browser includes the step of repackaging the current  
3 value of the MIB variable into an HTTP reply message.

1 11. (Currently amended) A network device, comprising:  
2 a processor;  
3 a Management Information Base (MIB) logically accessible by the processor and  
4 comprising one or more stored values of MIB variables;  
5 a Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) daemon executed by the processor;  
6 a Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) daemon executed by the processor;  
7 stored instructions for obtaining a current value of a Management Information base  
8 (MIB) variable stored in a managed network device which, when executed by  
9 the processor, cause the processor to carry out the steps of:  
10 receiving a connection of a Web browser to the network device;  
11 receiving at the managed network device an HTTP request message from the  
12 browser to obtain the current value of the MIB variable from the  
13 managed network device to which the MIB variable value pertains;  
14 receiving the current value of the MIB variable from the MIB of the managed  
15 network device to which the MIB variable value pertains; and

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16 communicating the current value of the MIB variable from the managed  
17 network device to which the MIB variable value pertains to the  
18 browser using an HTTP reply message.

1 12. (Original) The network device of claim 11, wherein the instructions further cause the  
2 processor to carry out the steps of:  
3 creating and storing a MIB object tree in a memory of the network device;  
4 creating an electronic document that contains a representation of one or more MIB  
5 variables of the MIB object tree;  
6 communicating the electronic document to the Web browser.

1 13. (Original) The network device of claim 11, wherein the step of receiving the current  
2 value of the MIB variable from the MIB of the network device includes the steps of  
3 creating and storing a MIB object tree in a memory of the network device; obtaining  
4 the MIB variable from the MIB object tree in the memory of the network device.

1 14. (Original) The network device of claim 11, wherein the instructions further cause the  
2 processor to carry out the steps of:  
3 creating and storing a MIB object tree in a memory of the network device;  
4 creating an electronic document that contains a representation of one or more MIB  
5 variables of the MIB object tree;  
6 receiving a user selection of one of the MIB variables based on the electronic  
7 document;  
8 wherein the step of receiving the current value of the MIB variable from the MIB of  
9 the network device includes the step of obtaining the MIB variable that is  
10 identified in the user selection from the MIB object tree in the memory of the  
11 network device.

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1 15. (Original) The network device of claim 11, further comprising an HTTP-SNMP  
2 interface which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to carry out the  
3 steps of:  
4 receiving the HTTP request message to obtain the current value of the MIB variable  
5 at an HTTP-SNMP interface;  
6 creating an SNMP query that requests a current value of the MIB variable based on  
7 the HTTP request message; and  
8 communicating the SNMP query to an SNMP daemon of the network device.

9 16. (Currently amended) The network device of claim 11, further comprising the steps of:  
10 communicating the current value of the MIB variable to the HTTP-SNMP interface;  
11 creating and storing an HTML page that contains the current value of the MIB  
12 variable; and  
13 sending the HTML page to the ~~HTML~~ HTTP daemon.

1 17. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of  
2 one or more instructions for obtaining a current value of a Management Information  
3 base (MIB) variable stored in a managed network device in a network, the one or  
4 more sequences of one or more instructions including instructions which, when  
5 executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to perform the  
6 steps of:  
7 receiving a connection of a Web browser to the network device;  
8 receiving at the managed network device an HTTP request message from the  
9 browser to obtain the current value of the MIB variable from the  
10 managed network device to which the MIB variable value pertains;

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11 receiving the current value of the MIB variable from the MIB of the network  
12 device to which the MIB variable value pertains; and  
13 communicating the current value of the MIB variable from the network device to  
14 which the MIB variable value pertains to the browser using an HTTP reply  
15 message.

1 18. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 17, wherein the  
2 instructions further cause the processor to carry out the steps of:  
3 creating and storing a MIB object tree;  
4 creating an electronic document that contains a representation of one or more MIB  
5 variables of the MIB object tree;  
6 communicating the electronic document to the Web browser.

1 19. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 17, wherein receiving  
2 the current value of the MIB variable from the MIB of the network device includes  
3 the steps of creating and storing a MIB object tree in a memory of the network  
4 device; obtaining the MIB variable from the MIB object tree in the memory of the  
5 network device.

1 20. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 17, wherein the  
2 instructions further cause the processor to carry out the steps of:  
3 creating and storing a MIB object tree in a memory of the network device;  
4 creating an electronic document that contains a representation of one or more MIB  
5 variables of the MIB object tree;  
6 receiving a user selection of one of the MIB variables based on the electronic  
7 document;

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8 wherein receiving the current value of the MIB variable from the MIB of the network  
9 device includes the step of obtaining the MIB variable that is identified in the  
10 ~~CT~~ user selection from the MIB object tree in the memory of the network device.

1 21. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 17, wherein the  
2 instructions further cause the processor to carry out the steps of:  
3 receiving the HTTP request message to obtain the current value of the MIB variable  
4 at an HTTP-SNMP interface;  
5 creating an SNMP query that requests a current value of the MIB variable based on  
6 the HTTP request message; and  
7 communicating the SNMP query to an SNMP daemon of the network device.

1 22. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 17, wherein  
2 the instructions further cause the processor to carry out the steps of:  
3 communicating the current value of the MIB variable to the HTTP-SNMP interface;  
4 creating and storing an HTML page that contains the current value of the MIB  
5 variable; and  
6 sending the HTML page to an ~~HTML~~ HTTP daemon of the network device.

1 23. (Currently amended) An HTTP browser program including a plug-in executable software  
2 element configured for obtaining a current value of a Management Information Base  
3 (MIB) variable stored in a managed network device in a network and which, when  
4 executed by a processor that executes the browser, causes the processor to carry out  
5 the steps of:  
6 receiving a connection of a Web browser to the network device;

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7 receiving at the managed network device an HTTP request message from the browser  
8 to obtain the current value of the MIB variable from the managed network  
9 device to which the MIB variable value pertains;  
10 receiving the current value of the MIB variable from the MIB of the network device\_  
11 to which the MIB variable value pertains; and  
12 communicating the current value of the MIB variable from the network device to  
13 which the MIB variable value pertains to the browser using an HTTP reply  
14 message.

1 24. (Currently amended) An applet executable in a browser program and configured for  
2 obtaining a current value of a Management Information Base (MIB) variable stored in  
3 a managed network device in a network and which, when executed by the browser,  
4 causes the browser to carry out the steps of:  
5 receiving a connection of a Web browser to the network device;  
6 receiving at the managed network device an HTTP request message from the browser  
7 to obtain the current value of the MIB variable from the managed network  
8 device to which the MIB variable value pertains;  
9 receiving the current value of the MIB variable from the MIB of the network device\_  
10 to which the MIB variable value pertains; and  
11 communicating the current value of the MIB variable from the network device to  
12 which the MIB variable value pertains to the browser using an HTTP reply  
13 message.

1 25. (New) The network device of claim 11, wherein the step of receiving a request from  
2 the Web browser to obtain the current value of the MIB variable includes the step of  
3 unpackaging an SNMP query that is packaged in the request from the Web browser to  
4 identify the MIB variable.

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1 26. (New) The network device of claim 25, wherein the instructions further cause the  
2 processor to carry out the step of sending the SNMP query to an SNMP daemon of  
3 the network device.

1 27. (New) The network device of claim 25, wherein the step of returning the current  
2 value of the MIB variable to the Web browser includes the step of repackaging the  
3 current value of the MIB variable into an HTTP reply message.

1 28. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the step of receiving a  
2 request from the Web browser to obtain the current value of the MIB variable  
3 includes the step of unpackaging an SNMP query that is packaged in the request from  
4 the Web browser to identify the MIB variable.

1 29. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the instructions further  
2 cause the processor to carry out the step of sending the SNMP query to an SNMP  
3 daemon of the network device.

1 30. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the step of returning the  
2 current value of the MIB variable to the Web browser includes the step of  
3 repackaging the current value of the MIB variable into an HTTP reply message.

1 31. (New) A system for obtaining a current value of a Management Information base  
2 (MIB) variable stored in a managed network device in a network, the system  
3 comprising:  
4 means for receiving a connection of a Web browser to the network device;  
5 means for receiving at the managed network device an HTTP request message from  
6 the browser to obtain the current value of the MIB variable from the managed  
7 network device to which the MIB variable value pertains;

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8 means for receiving the current value of the MIB variable from the MIB of the  
9 managed network device to which the MIB variable value pertains; and  
10 means for communicating the current value of the MIB variable from the managed  
11 network device to which the MIB variable value pertains to the browser using  
12 an HTTP reply message.

1 32. (New) The system of claim 31, further comprising:  
2 means for creating and storing a MIB object tree in a memory of the network device;  
3 means for creating an electronic document that contains a representation of one or  
4 more MIB variables of the MIB object tree;  
5 means for communicating the electronic document to the Web browser.

1 33. (New) The system of claim 31, wherein the means for receiving the current value of  
2 the MIB variable from the MIB of the network device includes  
3 means for creating and storing a MIB object tree in a memory of the network device;  
4 means for obtaining the MIB variable from the MIB object tree in the memory of the  
5 network device.

1 34. (New) The system of claim 31, further comprising:  
2 means for creating and storing a MIB object tree in a memory of the network device;  
3 means for creating an electronic document that contains a representation of one or  
4 more MIB variables of the MIB object tree;  
5 means for receiving a user selection of one of the MIB variables based on the  
6 electronic document;  
7 wherein the means for receiving the current value of the MIB variable from the MIB  
8 of the network device includes means for obtaining the MIB variable that is

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9 identified in the user selection from the MIB object tree in the memory of the  
10 network device.

1 35. (New) The system of claim 31, further comprising:

2 CA means for receiving the HTTP request message to obtain the current value of the MIB  
3 variable at an HTTP-SNMP interface;

4 means for creating an SNMP query that requests a current value of the MIB variable  
5 based on the HTTP request message; and

6 means for communicating the SNMP query to an SNMP daemon of the network  
7 device.

1 36. (New) The system of claim 31, further comprising:

2 means for communicating the current value of the MIB variable to the HTTP-SNMP  
3 interface;

4 means for creating and storing an HTML page that contains the current value of the  
5 MIB variable; and

6 means for sending the HTML page to an HTTP daemon of the network device.

1 37. (New) The system of claim 31, further comprising:

2 means for creating and storing an executable software element in association with the  
3 Web browser, wherein the executable software element is configured for  
4 packaging an SNMP query into the request from the Web browser.

1 38. (New) The system of claim 31, wherein the means for receiving a request from the

2 Web browser to obtain the current value of the MIB variable includes means for

3 unpackaging an SNMP query that is packaged in the request from the Web browser to  
4 identify the MIB variable.

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1 39. (New) The system of claim 38, further comprising means for sending the SNMP  
2 query to an SNMP daemon of the network device.

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1 40. (New) The system of claim 38, wherein the means for returning the current value of  
2 the MIB variable to the Web browser includes means for repackaging the current  
3 value of the MIB variable into an HTTP reply message.

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